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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF PLANNED VIOLENCE, BOMB THREATS AND  
VANDALISM BY MEMBERS OF EARTH FIRST ORGANIZATION AT TONASKET,  
WASHINGTON; JUNE 8-10 1990; BOMB THREAT; OO: SEATTLE.

REFERENCE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO FBIHQ AND RECEIVING  
OFFICES, DATED JULY 19, 1990.

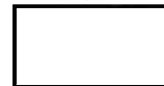
REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED THAT PORTLAND HAD RECEIVED  
INFORMATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DESCRIBED HERSELF AS AN  
"ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST" WHO WAS DISENCHANTED WITH THE "BLOOD  
THIRSTY" ATTITUDE OF THE EARTH FIRST MOVEMENT. THIS INDIVIDUAL

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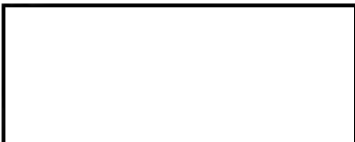
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PROVIDED THAT SHE HAD ATTENDED A GATHERING OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS NEAR TONASKET, WASHINGTON, DURING JUNE 8-10, 1990. AT THIS MEETING SHE MET THREE PEOPLE WHO DISCUSSED TAKING MILITANT ACTIONS.

SOME OF THE ACTIONS DISCUSSED WERE THE BOMBING OF UNSPECIFIED PAPER MILLS WHICH WERE CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASED DIOXIN LEVELS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER AND THE PLACING OF A BOMB IN THE AUTOMOBILE OF [REDACTED] OF WEYERHAEUSER LUMBER COMPANY, FOR INCREASING THE DIOXIN LEVELS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED PLACING SUGAR IN THE GAS TANKS OF EQUIPMENT OWNED BY WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY, LOUISIANA PACIFIC COMPANY, AND OTHER SMALLER UNSPECIFIED COMPANIES IN WASHINGTON AND IDAHO. ONE COMPANY IN IDAHO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS A TARGET FOR SUCH ACTION WAS MERRICK BROTHERS OR MERRICK COMPANY LOCATED IN THE PRIEST RIVER, IDAHO, AREA.

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THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED STRETCHING PIANO WIRE, AT NECK LEVEL, ACROSS THE DIRT BIKE TRAILS IN AN UNNAMED PARK NEAR REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THE DIRT BIKERS WERE DOING TO THE PARK.

THE MANUAL OF INVESTIGATIVE GUIDELINES AND OPERATIONS

{MIOG} SECTION 174-2.2, PAGE 798, STATES THAT NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED IN A 174-MATTER WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE {DOJ}. ON JULY 20, 1990, THE DOJ ADVISED THAT THE FBI SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE BOMB THREATS MADE BY THE THREE PEOPLE AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL GATHERING.

SEATTLE AND SALT LAKE CITY SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE LEADS SET OUT BY PORTLAND TO NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF VARIOUS THREATS MADE BY THE THREE-PERSON GROUP. SALT LAKE CITY SHOULD ALSO RECONTACT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST WHO SUPPLIED THE INITIAL INFORMATION FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS SHE MAY HAVE CONCERNING THESE THREATS OR ANY ADDITIONAL THREATS.

SEATTLE SHOULD INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BOMB THREATS MADE BY THE THREE PERSONS AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL GATHERING.

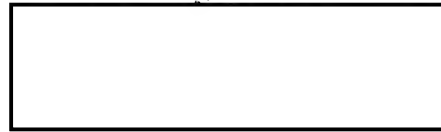
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Sir

I urge you to support the FBI efforts to  
bring to justice terrorist organization  
~~"Earth first"~~. These people are dangerous to  
the safety of legitimate, hard working men  
and women.



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ENCLOSURE

November 15, 1989

Honorable Pete Wilson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Dear Senator Wilson:

[redacted] Your October 16th communication on behalf of [redacted]  
[redacted] your case 9258060039, concerning the Earth First  
organization, has been referred to me.

First of all, let me say that we appreciate [redacted]  
support of the FBI and its investigative efforts. However, there  
has been a misunderstanding as a result of allegations in the  
newspapers that the FBI is investigating Earth First, which is a  
group of environmentalists and citizens throughout the country who  
are concerned with protecting our environment. These allegations  
are based on an FBI investigation which led to the arrest of four  
individuals who were charged in a Federal complaint with destroying  
various properties and conspiring to commit acts of destruction of  
power lines at nuclear facilities in three western states.  
These individuals have been indicted and are awaiting trial in  
United States District Court in Phoenix, Arizona. Some of the  
individuals who were arrested were members of Earth First; thus,  
it was alleged that the FBI was investigating this organization.  
I want to emphasize that Earth First was not the subject of this  
investigation, nor was its overall membership. Our investigation  
focused on the individuals responsible for committing criminal acts  
within our investigative jurisdiction.

I hope that the information I have provided will be of  
some assistance to you. Your enclosure is being returned as you  
requested.

Sincerely yours,

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Nicholas V. O'Hara  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division

Enclosure

- 1 - San Francisco - Enclosures (2)  
1 - Phoenix (100A-8795) - Enclosures (2)  
1 - [redacted] (Room 5214, TL 243) - Enclosures (2)  
1 - RMPU, CID (Room 5121, TL 233)  
1 - Congressional Affairs Office

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NOTE: Senator Pete Wilson has written on behalf of [redacted]  
who expressed support for the FBI's efforts relating to the  
investigation of EARTH FIRST members. Senator Wilson's constituent

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FBI/DOJ

Honorable Pete Wilson

NOTE CONTINUED: mistakenly believes that EARTH FIRST, as an organization, is under investigation. This response is based on replies to similar inquiries received in the past, which have been coordinated with SSA [redacted] Domestic Terrorism Unit, CID. A preliminary investigation was initiated in 1/88, captioned EARTH FIRST; DS/T, OO: Phoenix, and it was based on allegations that a group of individuals, some of whom belonged to EARTH FIRST, were committing acts of sabotage and destruction of properties on behalf of their environmental philosophies. A full DS/T investigation was authorized in 6/88, and the title was changed to EMETIC. This investigation was not an investigation of the group known as EARTH FIRST, but it focused only on a group of individuals, many of whom were members of EARTH FIRST, who were engaged in a number of criminal acts within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction. A Group I UCO was approved by the Director and the case title was again changed to ICEFOG and in 1/89 was designated as a major case entitled THERMCON. As a result of this investigation, 3 individuals were arrested on 5/30/89 and one on 5/31/89. They were charged with various violations of Title 18, USC. were indicted, and are awaiting trial in Phoenix. Per call to SSA [redacted] on 11/9/89, trial in this case is still pending. Based on available information, [redacted] [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

PETE WILSON  
CALIFORNIA

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 16, 1989

Congressional Liaison  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Director:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter which I received from [REDACTED] of Petrolia, California regarding the activities of the "Earth First" organization. I would appreciate it very much if you would bring this letter to the attention of the appropriate individuals within your agency for consideration and respond to me at your earliest convenience.

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Please return with your reply the correspondence which I have enclosed referring to case 9258060039.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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PETE WILSON

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Enclosure

Final Sen Pete Wilson

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NOTE: THIS TELETYPE ADVISES RECEIVING OFFICES THAT SEATTLE SHOULD CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BOMB THREATS MADE BY A SMALL GROUP AT AN ENVIRONMENTAL GATHERING. ON JULY 20, 1990, THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY EZRA FRIEDMAN, GENERAL LITIGATION SECTION. FRIEDMAN ADVISED THAT IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION THAT THE FBI SHOULD CONTINUE ITS INVESTIGATION OF THESE BOMB THREATS.